



Southern California Timing Association, Inc.
Bonneville Nationals, Incorporated

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Curt Garner
Governor's Office
State of Utah



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Dear Curt,

On behalf of the Save the Salt Committee, I would like to thank you for your attendance and participation in our "Save the Salt" meeting Sept. 29th, 1989. During the three hour meeting which included a tour of the Salt Flats and controversial collection ditch system, just about all of the critical problems were discussed relative to salt deterioration, concerns of industry, jobs and recreational co-existence.

Summary of issues:

1. Glen Wadsworth stated that Reilly Industries Inc. would cooperate during the upcoming B.L.M. studies and would contribute their expertise toward any future salt flat rehabilitation talks. He also said that Reilly has a valid lease with the B.L.M. and that they intend to continue their production north of I-15 adjacent to the international raceway as per their original plans.

2. The Save the Salt Committee representative, Rick Vesco explained the obligation that all concerned parties has in protecting this raceway and surrounding salt beds as an international one-of-a-kind treasure. Plans to stop potash production north of I-15 during forthcoming studies were explained as well as the importance of an immediate rehabilitation program concurrent with the study period and/or continued potash production. He suggested working hand in hand with state, federal and private industry to insure a way that industry and recreation could co-exist. The B.L.M. was asked to continue to meet with all concerned parties to coordinate efforts during this critical study period.

3. The B.L.M. openly discussed their concerns and efforts to resolve the problems and conflicts. Dean Zeller suggested a committee of all concerned be assembled to contribute ideas and oversee the intended study as well as future B.L.M. plans for this area of critical environmental concern known as the Bonneville Salt Flats and and International Raceway.

In closing, the Save the Salt Committee wishes to make clear its fear that the processes and procedures (red tape) governing the B.L.M. will limit their ability to work fast when a critical and possible irreversible environmental situation occurs. Is this situation reminiscent of the Yellowstone disaster in which we saw the government's hands tied by a predetermined and perhaps flawed policy? The Bonneville Salt Flats cannot afford a hind sight approach to corrective measures. Information on hand from prior studies warrants immediate stop-gap action from the state and federal government. The Save the Salt Committee will vigorously pursue short stop corrective actions through political, legal and media efforts.

Respectfully,

Rick Vesco

Chairman, Save the Salt

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